



So you say, libraries make
a difference...



Do you have any research to
prove that?



YES

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YES

And the Research says...



- ⌘ In 1993, the first Colorado study was published.
- ⌘ The second Colorado study was released in 1999.
- ⌘ The Alaska study was released in 1999.
- ⌘ The NAEP (National Assessment of Educational Progress) released information in 1993-94.

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⌘ The Colorado Study group was composed of schools that had taken the Iowa Test of Basic Skills (ITBS) or Tests of Achievements and Proficiency (TAPS).

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- ⌘ The size of a library media program as indicated by the size of the staff and collection is the best school predictor of academic achievement.
- ⌘ Library expenditures predict the size of the library collection and staff.
- ⌘ The instructional role of the librarian shapes the collection and in turn academic achievement.

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- ⌘ Library expenditures and staffing vary with total school expenditure and staffing.
- ⌘ The degree of collaboration between the librarian and the classroom teacher is affected by the ratio of teachers to pupils.

And the Research says...



⌘ Conclusions

- ☑ Students at better funded libraries has higher average reading scores.
- ☑ The size of the library staff and the size and variety of the collection are important characteristics which intervene between expenditures and test results.

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⌘ In schools where librarians played a part in the instructional program, students tended to achieve higher test scores.

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- ⌘ The Alaska study confirmed the same results as the Colorado study.
- ⌘ 850 schools participated in a nationwide survey and scores on state tests improved 10-15 points in schools with strong library programs and enough qualified staff members.

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⌘ The National Assessment of Educational Progress Tests for 1994

⌘ 3 variables

⌘ ratio of librarians to students

⌘ weekly visits to library by student

⌘ weekly circulation by student

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⌘ Comparison of the mean values on these variables showed that:

☑ states with above average reading scores have schools where students have:

- greater access to the library media specialist
- visit the school library more frequently
- borrow more materials

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⌘ DeWitt-Wallace-Reader's Digest Fund report

☒ Library Power

- followed the progress of 19 communities over a 10 year period
- began in 1988
- \$45 million was spent to improve teaching and learning through school libraries

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⌘ Library Power addressed the following issues

- ☒ Collection development
- ☒ Access to and use of library resources
- ☒ Collaboration
- ☒ Curriculum
- ☒ Instruction
- ☒ School Reform

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